

REMARKS

New claims 70-72 find support in originally filed claims 12-14, which were inadvertently cancelled in the Preliminary Amendment, filed August 23, 2002. In accordance with the Office Communication mailed March 1, 2001, claims 70-72 are independent claims that recite SEQ ID NO:18, and incorporate the limitations present in claims 12-14, respectively.

The Examiner had also indicated in the Office Communication mailed March 1, 2001, that pending claims 1, 3, and 4 would be allowable if non-allowable claims were cancelled. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion all non-allowable claims have been cancelled.

Initialed Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner did not initial all references on the Information Disclosure Statement, filed November 4, 1998. In particular, the Examiner did not initial U.S. Patent Numbers 5,196,333 and 4,855,319, and Hengartner et al., Nature 356:494-499, 1992. In accordance with the Office Communication on January 7, 2003, a copy of Hengartner et al. will be submitted to the Examiner by Express Mail. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial and return the Information Disclosure Statement with the next Office Communication.

CONCLUSION

It is applicants' understanding that the claims now pending are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. If the Office does not concur, a telephonic interview with the undersigned is hereby requested.

A clean version of all pending claims is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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